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On Behalf Of:

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Good morning,

I am Monique Bochsler, and I wish to express my opposition to SB722. Implementing rent control tends to encourage landlords to evict long-term tenants in favor of new ones who can pay higher rents, as existing tenants face restrictions on rent increases. Affordable housing cannot be mandated through legislation; instead, we need to eliminate the laws that hinder the creation of new housing supply. Oregon's stringent land use regulations have led to a situation where businesses are reluctant to operate here, as their employees struggle to find affordable housing. Consequently, Oregon is experiencing a decline in population due to housing unaffordability, a direct result of these restrictive land use laws. The pervasive NIMBY mentality allows individuals to exploit the land use court system with little consequence. By repealing these laws, we can boost housing supply and foster market-driven solutions to lower housing costs.

Thank you, Monique Bochsler